



Lake Park Villager

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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Village government meetings and elections are held at the Community Center and are open to the public.

Aug 12 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Aug 19 7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting

Aug 21 6:30 pm Economic Development Commission

Aug 25 6:30 pm Parks & Recreation Commission

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN AT DAWN, CLOSE AT DUSK

LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS
PAUL WOLFCAL RECREATION COMPLEX

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
AUG 5 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
AUG 5 – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM TOWN CENTER PARK

LAKE PARK SINGLES AGES 45+
AUG 7 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

SAGES LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
AUG 4 – 1:00 PM CARD GAMES 882-6906
AUG 8 – 7:00 PM CARD BINGO EVENING 882-2005
AUG 18 – 11:15 AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 882-6906

MOVIE IN THE PARK: "MUPPETS MOST WANTED" SPONSORED BY HOA
AUG 8 – STARTS AT DUSK (RAIN DATE AUG 9) TOWN CENTER PARK

CENTRAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION
AUG 11 3624 LAKE PARK ROAD 882-6267

VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY AUG 23
AUG 12 NEWS DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

ONCE-A-MONTH 'FURNITURE PICKUP' DAY
AUG 14 – 7:00 AM FURNITURE IS NOT COLLECTED OTHER WEEKS

GARDEN CLUB (TOPIC NOT RECEIVED BY PUBLICATION DEADLINE)
AUG 18 -- 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK LIVE: MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL TOWN CENTER PARK
AUG 23 – 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM HOST: CENTRAL ACADEMY & CHURCH

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - UNION COUNTY AUG 25

National 'Night Out' Aug 5

From 6:30 pm til 9 pm, Town Center Park will be the hub of activity as Lake Park celebrates the annual nationwide program with music, games, give-aways and activities.

Both the Union County Sheriff's Office and the Hemby Bridge Fire Department will be here. The Sheriff's office will feature their youth Explorers program, will offer Child I.D. kits, and demonstrate their K-9 drug dog. Union County SWAT will welcome everyone to their emergency response vehicle and will display sniper response gear. Union County Animal Services will share Petfinder and pet adoption information.

Meeting Street will be closed within Creft Circle during the event. Food will be available; all are welcome.

'Lake Park Live' Music & Art

Lake Park families, friends and guests are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets to Town Center Park Saturday, August 23, 11 am – 2 pm to hear live music, and enjoy a festival of local artisan displays and vendor booths. Food and kid's activities will be available.

This free event is hosted by Central Academy at Lake Park and Central Church of God in Charlotte NC for village fun and relaxation.

Hometown Heroes & the 4th

'Veterans Pond should have an American flag.' Five-year residents Ashley, Shannon and Kayla Dance brought the idea to Garden Club, and voila! A new flag was raised on Memorial Day. The Dance family's true spirit of community involvement was recognized when Mayor Cleveland awarded the Dance family the 2014 Hometown Heroes certificate on the Fourth of July. Ashley has volunteered on the P&RC and was elected Garden Club Vice President. Council thanks all volunteers and Food Lion, Common Heart and all who helped support the races, parade, picnic and party.

Discarded Furniture Pickup

Only on the Second Thursday of the Month

Lake Park has one Thursday furniture pick up per month. Discarded furnishings will ONLY be collected on the 2nd Thursday. Next date: August 14. Do not curb furniture on any other Thursday. If you have more items, the next furniture pick up will be September 11.

TIP: Lock all vehicles to prevent theft of the vehicle or any valuable contents.

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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Cheri Clark - Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator/
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Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer
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Ken Swain, Village Attorney
(704) 882-8657
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Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Richard Haywood
Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.
For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591
officer@lakeparknc.gov

EDC: Economic Development

♦ **Miss Dee Dee's After School** accepts elementary students and middle school students (up to age 14) from nine private and public schools for their 2-6pm program. 6810 Creft Circle, 882-9386.

♦ Remember to call or visit our Lake Park's hometown small businesses this month. **Streamworks Media** 724-9520 and **Gray Insurance Agency** 893-0005 are both in Town Center. For a list of over 15 businesses, churches and schools in our village, see the professionals' directory posted at the Creft & Meeting Street village kiosk or visit www.lakeparknc.gov.

♦ Yoga instructor, Denise Yurko and hair stylist Megan Yurko offer new services at **Total Tranquility Salon**, 6136 Creft Circle. See www.totaltranquilitysalon.com

P&RC: Parks & Recreation

♦ **Name Signs Placed at Ponds:** Each of Lake Park's 13 ponds now has a sign to identify it by name and to clarify what fishing, if any, is allowed in each pond. Required local fishing permits are available at the Town Office in the Community Center 9am - noon weekdays or by mail; \$2 for residents, \$20 for non-residents

♦ **New SAGES Sign:** An anonymous donor has funded a replacement sign for the one that is missing at the SAGES memorial bench at Garden Pond. SAGES designed and landscaped the space as a 2003 surprise for their founder, Francis Wroclawski. SAGES is Lake Park's network of residents over 50 who meet for social activities, outings and service projects. All residents over 50 are welcome to attend the events. Dues are \$12 per year.

Report Street Light Issues

Is the pole lighting in your neighborhood street coming on at dusk, steadily lit and turns off at dawn? Or is it blinking, dark at night, broken or lit during the day? If problems occur, get the pole identification number (it's located on a metal plate near the base of the pole) and relate the number and a description of the problem to John Barnes. John is our liaison with Union Power for safe illumination on all our streets and alleys.

Piranha All-Star Swimmers

The Lake Park Piranhas won 1st place in the AllStar Division 6 meet July 8. For the 5th year in a row, they earned the Division 6 Sportsmanship award. Individual swimmers won 25 medals (twelve 1sts) and 3 relay medals (one 1st). Nick Figiel broke his own 50-yard backstroke Allstar Meet League Record for the 3rd year in a row. Dedicated coaching staff, parents and boosters celebrated the swimmers at the July 13 awards banquet.

Property Taxes 2014

Village Council approved the annual resolution to authorize the collection of 2014 property taxes on July 8. Lake Park's tax rate remains at \$.23 per \$100 valuation. Both Village and County property tax bills are expected to be mailed by mid-August to all non-escrowed property owners and are due upon receipt. For escrowed properties, tax bills go to the mortgage companies. If you purchased or refinanced property since Jan 1 2014, tell the Village Clerk of the correct bill mailing address.

Planning Board Honors

Council is expressing appreciation in recognizing the service provided by John Ross and Greg Crosby. Each has served a two year term on the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments. John previously served as Lake Park Mayor for 4 terms. Greg previously served two Council terms including 2 years as Mayor Pro Tem and expressed interest in continuing on the Boards for a new 3-year volunteer term. Village Council approved Greg Crosby for that new term on July 8.

Planning Board Opening

One 3-year opening remains available to a resident volunteer for the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments. Interested residents may contact Cheri Clark or Mark Phillips by August 11, by email or a note. The combined boards meet on the third Thursday most months.

Leasing Developments

Michael Konarzewski, owner of the restaurant space at 6120 Creft Circle, reports that Gregory Petit and Jessica Warfield, experienced restaurateurs, plan a southern cooking menu and are expecting to open the café in August. Creation Café vacated in June.

John Box, leasing agent and former owner at Town Center, confirmed that the Democratic political party is renting a Creft Circle office space through November.